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Airman 1st Class Trina Flannagan/2d CS

Welcome home, Daddy: Friends and family of the 96th Bomb Squadron eagerly await their husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, af-

ter they landed Sept. 10. The 96th deployed to Guam four months ago as part of the Air Expeditionary Force.

New training creates more versatile flyers

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — A new combat systems officer training program for Air Force navigators and electronic warfare officers will bring more versatile flyers to Barksdale in the future.

The new program responds to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper's request to redesign the current training to produce an aviator skilled in advanced navigation systems, electronic warfare and weapons use.

"Currently, the navigator and electronic warfare officer pipeline is very similar to the way it's been for a number of years," said Maj. Jim Griffin, Air Education and Training Command's electronic warfare program manager. "The problem is the duties of the navigator have been evolving, but the training hasn't evolved to meet the navigator's changing needs."

Combat systems officer training will combine portions of navigator and electronic warfare training to give aviators a cross-flow capability between the two positions on combat aircraft.

"The dual training will give the Air Force a better overall aviator because he or she can speak to both navigator and electronic warfare issues," said Lt. Col. George Trumbull, 563d FTS commander. "Anyone with a better understanding of both fields when going into combat is going to be effective for the mission."

Students trained under the new curriculum will see a difference in academics with a wider range of topics and focus on warfighting. Traditional electronic war

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Weekend Weather



Today
Sunny

Hi: 93
Low: 70



Saturday
Sunny

Hi: 91
Low: 65



Sunday
Sunny

Hi: 91
Low: 63

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Happy Birthday Air Force
Gen. Jumper and Dr. Roche wish the Air Force a happy birthday.

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IG's primary purpose
Getting the chain of command involved with problems.

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

	11th Bomb Squadron	48th Bomb Squadron	96th Bomb Squadron
Depicted in hours			
Goal:	253.7	128.5	170.6
Flown:	99.3	90.8	61.8
Remaining:	154.4	37.7	108.8
As of:			
Sept. 10	+1.3	-9.4	-5.0



2d BW refocuses goals

Every Airmen must remember vision

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Recently, many 2d BW warriors have returned from deployments and are enjoying their well-earned reconstitution while other members will return in the next few weeks. Additionally, we have gained many new members who have arrived at Barksdale over the summer from other bases or after graduating from their technical schools. These new faces bring fresh energy, ideas and enthusiasm to our wing...we need their expertise, professional skills and effort to remain strong and ready.

However, with the influx of new men and women as well as the return of so many from their deployments, now seems like the perfect time to refocus on our vision and mission.

I believe it is important to know where we are going and why we must strive to achieve that vision — having a “mark on the wall” enables every individual to clearly understand what he or she must do to contribute to our success.

The 2d BW vision, “First in peace, first in war and first to victory,” is straightforward. Our nation expects us to be ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deploy, employ and win decisively. There is no room for second place or “close-calls.” We must not waiver in our commitment to be “second to none” when it comes to flying, fixing and supporting bomber operations. Across the wing, our Airmen must work hard every day to do the right tasks, the right way first time every time. It is our duty to be the best in the world, and we stand committed to excellence whether we are training at home or conducting our critical expeditionary tasks while deployed.

Our mission is also clear. We are “Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders ... ANYTIME ... ANYWHERE!” When you arrive at Barksdale AFB you become a member of an elite group of people — warriors who are com-



mitted to combat readiness and operational excellence. We train harder and work smarter, know the rules and follow them while striving every day to make our wing, our base and our Air Force stronger and more capable.

“ There is no sugar coating what the wing’s business really is — we are about combating and defeating evil. ”
— Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

Finally, I think every person in the mighty Deuce must remember that although there are many words that make up our vision and mission statements — it boils down to one simple fact ... we kill bad guys. There is no sugar coating what the wing’s business really is — we are about combating and defeating evil. Wherever and whenever our nation is threatened or Americans are attacked, we must be ready to do our job. Each of you must remain focused on that simple fact — our job is to kill bad guys, and every person must understand that they play a critical role in our success.

So, whether you are a new arrival or a seasoned Barksdale veteran ... get ready! As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we will conduct our second Training Emphasis Week where we will go back to basics and ensure that every person in the Deuce receives feedback on how he or she is doing, has a training plan and understands what they must do to grow professionally. We will also reemphasize the importance of our TWO vector and how we use it as part of our daily culture. Here in the Deuce, our expectations are high, the pace is fast, and our mission is important ... we guarantee success because our nation demands it!

Vision

The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ... in war ... to victory!

Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector

Total focus on mission excellence

Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork

Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

Action Line 456-4000

actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Good order and discipline ... in a positive light

BY COL. EDMUND BARNETTE
2D BOMB WING INSPECTOR GENERAL

“Good order and discipline.” We hear this phrase all the time in the military. It is basically a core value of the Air Force, but have you ever thought about how it applies to you as a member of the 2d Bomb Wing?

We often hear it when someone has failed to maintain good order and discipline. For instance, “You have failed (pick your violation in the Manual for Courts Martial) and the commander has decided to take your rank and/or money in order to maintain good order and discipline.” Or, “Since you failed to preserve good order and discipline, you have this lousy duty.” So, when someone says “good order and discipline” there can be a distinct, negative connotation. It seems that anytime we speak about good order and discipline, it’s just before the axe drops and heads roll.

Obviously, punishment isn’t the purpose of maintaining good order and discipline; it is a by-product when there is a failure to maintain it. However, that doesn’t really define it nor does it give a reason to preserve it. To put this service value into perspective as it applies to the 2d Bomb Wing team, we need to first look at what the terms mean and then apply them.

First, let’s define the terms and start with good order. According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, the term “order” has synonyms which imply arranging so that the whole aggregate works as a unit with each element having a proper function and a straightening out so as to eliminate confusion. So, by definition, we need to be ordered to function as a team and to work together to eliminate confusion. This should sound vaguely familiar.

The second component of this service value is “discipline.” Again, let’s go back to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary. There are several cites, all of which are applicable: 1. training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character; 2. orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior; 4. a rule or system of rules governing conduct or activity. I believe the crux of the definition is the first one, training to perfect mental faculties or moral character. You train like you fight; so, your training must be focused, orderly, and follow a set of rules. As we train to perfect our mental faculties and moral character, we must obviously seek those resources that enhance not only our professional growth, but our personal wellness, too. With this training and utilization of resources comes the true product of good discipline — mission excellence and a commitment to nothing less than victory in all our endeavors.

Now, let’s look at good order and discipline in the aggregate. With good order and discipline we have a focused, properly functioning team, following a prescribed set of rules, and training to perfect itself in both mental and morale character. And as highlighted above, our training will incorporate resources to make us better professionally and personally as we achieve mission excellence. So, in essence, what good order and discipline actually means is exactly what the leadership vector is for the 2d Bomb Wing:

Total focus on mission excellence — the product of good order and discipline

Work together...take care of each other to build trust and an unbeatable team — good order

Offer opportunities and resources for personal or professional wellness and growth — discipline

It all ties together. The vector of this wing meets the criteria prescribed by service values and service values lead to the attainment of our vector. Without good order and discipline, we will not only fail in our mission to support the war-fighting commanders anytime, anywhere, but also fail to meet our vision of first in peace and in victory.

So, the next time someone mentions “good order and discipline,” there won’t be this negative connotation of punishment and failure; rather, it will be your link to the 2d Bomb Wing’s vision, mission and vector making the 2d Bomb Wing second to none!



Senior leaders send AF birthday greetings

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — The following is a Sept. 18 Air Force birthday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

"Happy birthday to the Airmen of the world's greatest air and space force! Our 57 years of history may be short, but they are packed with astounding accomplishments. We've broken the sound barrier, expanded military operations to the reaches of space, ushered stealth technology and precision-strike capability into modern warfare, delivered humanitarian aid to austere locations, jointly won the Cold War and provided decisive air and space power for wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Your dedication to excellence, your integrity and your faithful service is recognized and appreciated by all Americans.

"Since our inception in 1947, America's Air Force has flown lead in defending peace and freedom around the world. That legacy was made possible by millions of professional Airmen dedicated to accomplishing critical missions with total success.

"Today, you are the torchbearers of our legacy. You are performing remarkably across the globe delivering aid to people in need and defending and protecting our great nation from emerging threats and new enemies. Your competence, dedication to the mission and pride of service is renowned. We know you also have wonderful families who support your long hours and deployments away from home. We are grateful for their support.

"You represent the strength and patriotism of our great nation. America is proud of our Air Force because of you. Thanks for your service and again, happy birthday!

Training means better Airmen

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fare candidates will see more navigational skills and systems integrations, and traditional navigator candidates will see more electronic warfare in their academic curriculum.

"There are a lot of things coming down the pipe that are new and exciting and are taking the Air Force in a little different direction as far as what a trained aviator should be," said Lt. Col. Todd Zachary, 562nd FTS commander. "The whole concept of combat systems officer training is to make experts of air and space power (use) who will have all the tools of trade."

The director of academics, Lt. Col. Kelly Lawson of Barksdale's own formal training unit, the 11th Bomb Squadron, is looking forward to the additional knowledge incoming officers possess which will eventually improve the entire force of the 2d Bomb Wing.

"The navs/EWOs arriving at the FTU today have grown up in the computer generation; therefore, many technical concepts tend to be more intuitive to them than to older generations of aviators," Colonel Lawson said. "Several years ago, the B-52 FTU began incorporating mission qualification (advanced employment) training to its basic qualification (basic aircraft and system operation) program. This gave new aviators a higher level of skill and situational awareness than before."

"The move to teach more advanced concepts to navigator and electronic warfare students will be another step in that evolution. By producing basic

navigators/electronic warfare officers with ever-increasing levels of advanced training and situational awareness, Undergraduate Navigator Training enables the FTUs to raise the bar on their training programs and thereby improve the effectiveness of the entire force."

Currently, navigators and electronic warfare officers train together for 90 days and then train for 82 days in their specialized career fields. Combat systems officer training will increase common training to 138 days before sending the aviators to either advanced navigator or electronic warfare training.

The new curriculum will also increase electronic warfare and weapons use training from 15 to 36 days.

"There's not an aviator out there (who) doesn't need electronic warfare knowledge," Colonel Trumbull said. "It used to be that electronic warfare officers were always on those particular airplanes that flew in combat. Now all planes fly in some form of combat role, so it's essential to make all aviators experts in how to avoid those threats."

Students will see more emphasis placed on leadership, decision making and management.

"(The new training program) will be an interesting challenge, but we're up for it," Colonel Zachary said. "This is not the first time navigator school has changed curriculums to make a better product and have done it mid-stream. Our people are ready for the challenge." (Courtesy of AETC News Service)



Fini Flight: Lt. General Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, waves to the crowd from his A-10 after his Fini Flight on Monday.

Tech. Sgt. Denise Rayder/2d CS



News briefs

Hazardous Materials Management Program

The Air Force HAZMAT Pharmacy Program's purpose is to provide Air Force installations with a standard way to manage hazardous materials procurement and use and still comply with environmental, safety and occupational health requirements. This is accomplished by eliminating HAZMAT usage not essential to mission accomplishment, substituting reduced-risk HAZMAT whenever possible and minimizing HAZMAT usage when mission dictates their use. All hazardous materials authorizations, Air Force Form 3952s, need to be updated annually in the Air Force Environmental Management Information System. If your authorizations expire, you will be delayed in procuring your needed items. In addition, the HazMart is required to perform annual visits to all installation shops to ensure hazardous materials are properly managed. The HazMart will be looking at items such as proper authorizations, labeling (to include bar-coding), storage and shelf life. If you need training using the AF-EMIS program, AF-EMIS loaded in your duty section, questions on shelf life issues, HPPs charter to minimize hazardous materials or have any issues, please feel free to call the HazMart at 456-7044 or 7045.

Mandatory myPay

Effective October 1, SECAF/CSAF mandated myPay for all military members. Military members will receive their last hardcopy pay statements in the mail for the Oct. 1 payday. Members can access myPay and receive PINs at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Call Master Sgt. Marlin Fjordbak at 456-3598 for more information.

Volunteers

Barksdale volunteers are needed to help the Bossier City Animal Shelter find homes for unwanted animals at Critter Co. on Benton Rd. in Bossier City Oct. 2 and at PetCo Oct. 9. Volunteers will take shelter animals to PetCo on Youree Dr., Shreveport, for an outreach pet adoption. Volunteers can help out all day, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or in two hour shifts. Call 2d Lt. Carisa Proctor-Schwartz at 456-3953 or 218-8297 to sign up or for more information.

Advisory club meeting

The next officers' club advisory meeting is scheduled today at 11:30 a.m. at the officers' club.

Retirements

Master Sgt. Julis Flye Jr.

Master Sgt. Julis Flye Jr., 608 Air Communication Squadron, retires after 23 years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the General Dougherty Conference Center today at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Joey Mincey at 456-1227 for more information.

Master Sgt. Richard Washington

Master Sgt. Richard Washington, 2d Bomb Wing, retires after 20 years of dedicated service in a ceremony Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the Dougherty Center. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilian. Call Tech. Sgt. Daryl Gurunian at 456-5608 for more information.

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya

Tech. Sgt. Terrie Delahaya, 344th Recruiting Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. at the 8th Air Force Museum. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military.

Master Sgt Andamo Sherman

Master Sgt. Andamo Sherman, 2nd Mission Support Squadron, retires after 21 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the officer's club ballroom, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. James Auzenne at 456-2144 for more information.

Survey

Air Combat Command Services is conducting a survey to determine if some temporary lodging facilities units should be set aside as pet-friendly. The survey is for active duty Airmen, both pet and non-pet owners. Current Air Force guidelines restrict pets from being housed in base lodging; however, a year-long test is being conducted at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to determine the feasibility of a change in policy. The survey can be found at http://ice.disa.mil/survey_library/go.cfm?Pets.

Closures

Legal office

The claims division at the base legal office will close Monday through Sept. 30 for end-of-year funds close-out. Any matters concerning personal claims must be handled before Monday or after Sept. 30. The claims office will not accept any claims within those dates except ones that will reach the two-year statute of limitations for filing within those dates.

Legal Office

The 2 Bomb Wing legal office will be closed for legal assistance, with the exceptions of emergency cases, Sept. 27 through Oct. 1 for Training Emphasis Week.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Barksdale group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel One annex. Call Jeff at 208-0065 for more information.

Volunteer opportunity

The Louisiana Home Front Celebration seeks volunteers for the daylong recognition of the State's armed forces. Volunteers are needed for hospitality, ceremonies, logistics, communications, liaison escorts, lodging, parking, parade, carnival, sanitation, entertainment and greeters in costume. Persons interested can choose three areas of interest and event committees will direct the area of assignment. The celebration is scheduled Sept. 25. Interested individuals can call Miss Tresa Hess at the Fort Polk Public Affairs Office at 531-4045 or visit the Fort Polk Web site at www.jrtc-polk.army.mil and follow the Louisiana Home Front Celebration link to obtain a volunteer form.

Louisiana Home Front Celebration 2004

The Louisiana Home Front Celebration is scheduled Sept. 25 and includes a parade to honor and recognize service men and women that will involve military marching units and bands. Events will continue with celebrity entertainment, hometown community carnival activities and much more. Call Miss Joy Cryer at 293-2444, Miss Paula Schlag at 531-2011 or Miss Shelby Sarver at 531-1860 for more information.



Airman Tabitha Winingier/2d CS

Cleaning up a jet plane: Senior Airman Chad Gracie, 2d Maintenance Squadron, volunteers his time to preserve the 8th Air Force Museum's KC-97A as part of the "Adopt-a-Plane" program. Members of the Barksdale community have joined in a team effort to provide care to the museum's artifacts, continuing the proud heritage of America's aviation history.



Senior Airman Kevin Camara/2d CS

Keep on trucking:
Senior Airman Nathan Davis, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron multi-purpose vehicle mechanic, responds to a mobile maintenance call to fix a 2d Security Forces Squadron patrol car with an oil leak.



Barksdale's Airman of the Month

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Airman 1st Class Joseph Coleman, a computer, networking, cryptograph switching system apprentice from the 2d Communications Squadron, was recently named Barksdale's Airman of the Month.

Airman Coleman, a 22-year old Denver native, enjoys spending time at home with his wife Lisa and daughter Celeste.

The support his office gives him is what Airman Coleman believes helped him the most.

"The people in the office motivate all of the young Airmen to do our best and keep pushing us to strive for excellence," Airman Coleman said.

The Airman's supervisor, Staff Sgt. Brett Priest, was excited about the accomplishment.

"I'm proud of him, and the work center," Sergeant Priest said. "This work center has won three Airman of the Month awards in the last eight months."

Airman Coleman's shop held mock boards and talked to the other Airmen in his shop who won the award before.

"Our shop helps by instilling a feeling of self-confidence into the Airmen who are going up against the board," Sergeant Priest said. "Airman Coleman devoted much time to prepare, aside from a busy schedule revolving around his daughter and expecting wife, to study his PFE an hour per night."

Sergeant Priest expressed how this accomplishment will benefit Airman Coleman in his Air Force career.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Joseph Coleman

"Winning this award early in his career will set him on a pedestal, once you're there you don't want to come down," Sergeant Priest said.

Now, Airman Coleman is looking to further his education and is looking forward to a career in the Air Force.

"The main thing I'm looking forward to doing is getting my bachelor's degree in computer sciences," he said. "But for now I'm just trying to get my CDC's completed and get my five-level."

Airman Coleman mentioned how programs like this are important for lower-ranking Airmen.

"I know recognition programs like this uplift the morale of the lower ranks a lot, it made me feel like a million bucks," Airman Coleman stated. "Anyone trying for this award should study hard, pray and have faith and be confident and sharp."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Zoellner

Roll out: Airmen from the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron complete final launch preparations at the end of the runway at Eglin AFB Sept. 14. About 34 F-15's assigned to the 33rd Fighter Wing were evacuated in preparation of Hurricane Ivan. The aircraft will temporarily be stationed elsewhere until conditions at Eglin are safe.



Barksdale member receives award for quick thinking at neighbor's housefire

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

The day started out as a regular day for Tech. Sgt. Joseph Jones, 2d Mission Support Squadron Military Equal Opportunity NCO in charge of reports and analysis, but that all changed when he was taking his children to daycare and noticed smoke coming out of a neighbor's chimney Aug. 23.

"I stopped because it was the middle of Aug. and for smoke to be coming out of the chimney is just a little odd to start off with," Sergeant Jones said, who's actions resulted in community recognition recently.

"The smoke wasn't standing out, I'm very observant of my neighbors and my neighborhood; all of us are that way," Sergeant Jones stated. "When I saw smoke coming out of the chimney I had to look up and identify it wasn't anything real obvious. It intrigued my suspicions and that's when I jumped out of my vehicle and noticed more smoke."

He proceeded to get out of his vehicle and went up to the house only to notice smoke coming from the eave of the house.

"Obviously when I saw smoke coming from the eave of the house there was definitely a fire," he said.

Sergeant Jones then got his children out of harms way and flagged down a neighbor from across the street and had him call 911.

"By that time I was trying to locate the lady from inside because I knew she was disabled," he added. "I was trying to figure out where she would be in the house because I wasn't too familiar with the home but assumed the bedroom would be on the backside of the house."

Shortly afterward police appeared on the scene and Sergeant Jones filled them in on what he had been doing. "Before the police got there I had a strange feeling the lady was still in the house so I was yelling and banging on the windows just looking for a response from her," Sergeant Jones said.



Airman Brandon Kusek/ the Bombardier

Ms. Sarah Gieseke presents Tech. Sgt. Joseph Jones a purple ribbon award at the Highland Center's award ceremony Sept. 10. Sgt. Jones was being recognized for his actions during a neighbors house fire.

A neighbor then brought a spare key.

"The fire was located in the washroom and the key was for the door nearest the washroom," Sergeant Jones added. "The door was a little warm but not hot so we knew the fire wasn't in the immediate location."

They proceeded to open the door and could smell the smoke and feel the heat. Opening the door let fresh air in and added fuel to the fire.

"Shortly after opening the door we heard the roar of the fire and assumed it was growing because of the added oxygen from opening the door," Sergeant Jones said. "So we quickly closed the door and got out."

Feeling that the lady was still inside Sergeant Jones banged on windows and yelled until the fire trucks arrived.

"I waved down the trucks and found the person in charge to tell them what was going on, that there was a woman still inside and where she could possibly be at," he said. "They jumped out of the truck and ran into the house and saved her."

Sergeant Jones doesn't know why he noticed the smoke that day.

"I was just going about my daily routine, it's good that I was on time for work though, had I been even five minutes late, who knows what might have happened," he said.

Sergeant Jones was awarded the Purple Ribbon award during the Highland Center's purple ribbon ceremony Sept. 10, which honors all emergency personnel in the area, for his help of a disabled woman during a house fire in August.

The Purple Ribbon award was presented to people who went the extra little bit to help someone in the community by the Highland Center.

"The idea was brought up to award Sergeant Jones the medal during a planning meeting that recognizes people for things they have done to help the community during emergencies," said Ms. Sarah Gieseke, AmeriCorps VISTA for the Extra Mile.

AAFES 'Still Serving' event honors military retirees

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has set aside the weekend of Sept. 17-19, 2004 to honor military retirees with a special event called "Still Serving."

This campaign is designed to be a event for military retirees and their families and is being held at AAFES facilities around the world. AAFES is saying "thank you" to the more than 1.5 million retirees with coupons they'll receive in the mail and special savings at AAFES stores, services and fast food restaurants.

"I like to think that AAFES honors military retirees every day with great value, service and support," said Maj. Gen.

Kathryn Frost, HQ AAFES commander. "Nevertheless, we take enormous pride in sponsoring one weekend a year just for them."

Here at Barksdale, grocery manager Pat Wilde is planning for the event.

"It's going to be a pretty big sale this weekend," Mrs. Wilde said. "We plan on having 139 items available in case lots."

The Barksdale Base Exchange will also have cake and coffee waiting for retiree shoppers in the foyers. During the weekend, there will also be a drawing for a Hummel statue.

"Nothing brings retirees out like our store-planned events," said John Rakestraw, "Still Serving" campaign manager. "Retirees really appreciate the

special attention and the extra steps AAFES associates go through to help make this campaign a large success."

For retirees who don't live near a military installation, AAFES online still offers the value of the "Still Serving Weekend" virtually. Retirees can log on to www.aafes.com 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and find a huge assortment of merchandise and special values in addition to the expanded concessions at CentricMall or Special Orders.

For more information on the "Still Serving" weekend, contact your local exchange or sign up for the AAFES newsletter at <http://odin.aafes.com/emailsubscribe/> to keep up with the latest in exchange news.





IG: Making sure the chain of command is secure

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
BOMBARDIER

What exactly does the Inspector General do here at Barksdale? Asking this question can yield many different answers from airmen on the base.

As one Airman explained, "If you're suffering an injustice from the system but can't seem to get the help you need, you can get the IG involved." However, the Airman warned, it is best to make sure it is not you who actually is in the wrong before going to them, as IG will view the problem as an outside assessor.

Though this answer held some truth, it wasn't completely correct. After an interview with Col. Edmund Barnette, the 2d Bomb Second Bomb Wing's Inspector General, the role of the IG and how it helps Airmen was clearly defined.

A Brief History of the IG

Before the IG's most recent inception in 1996, problems were handled differently, meanwhile, the role of the IG continued to grow.

At one point, complaints that now go to the Inspector General were once reported to the Vice Wing Commander. However, issues with complete objectivity and the perception that some problems were not being handled with objectivity led to a separate office of the Inspector General.

Handling Complaints

"Primarily what we do is handle violations of policy procedure and fraud, waste and abuse," Col. Barnette explained. "Typically, these are called complaints, but I don't see them as complaints. If you are making complaints, then by natural extension, you are a complainer. But that is not necessarily true."

"A complaint is: You've got a problem," the colonel continued. What we're supposed to do is look at that

problem and see if there is a solution to it. AFI 90-301 defines what issues we look at, and there are a whole lot of things that IG doesn't look at, for instance medical issues. If you are having a hard time with getting the care you need, we can't help you because there are organizations in place that monitor medical care and other subjects.

Educate, rather than investigate.

"98 percent of the time that IG is involved, we merely refer the problem back into the appropriate chain of command," Col. Barnette said. "I'd like everyone to understand, use your chain of command first. Before you walk outside of your chain, give them a chance to solve the problem. We'll help you, as we're the first to help if you still encounter problems, but those men and women in the supervisory chains on Barksdale, that is what they do for a living. They don't like problems; they want to fix them. Give them an opportunity first, and you may find they are able to fix a problem long before we could."

"You don't see a lot of senior members coming into this office, because they are handling their problems," the colonel said. "It is the young guys who either don't know how to handle the problem or don't think anybody is going to work with them. Rarely does a master sergeant walk in here and say he needs some help. They know the avenues to go to get the help, and they engage their command chief and they get the help they need. You get the guy who doesn't know. So you want to really teach them to get their command chain engaged, so you can get those individuals in front of the command chain and get they help they need."

What Col. Barnette calls the other two percent of cases are the actual investigations the IG performs, where he and his staff then investigate matters by talking to the appropriate people involved with the problem, reviewing reports and other other paperwork accounting all of the details of the matter.

"Even though the issue is investigated," Barnette explains. "What IG does from there is write and present a report to the commander at whatever level is involved, be it unit, squadron, group or higher."

How to contact the IG

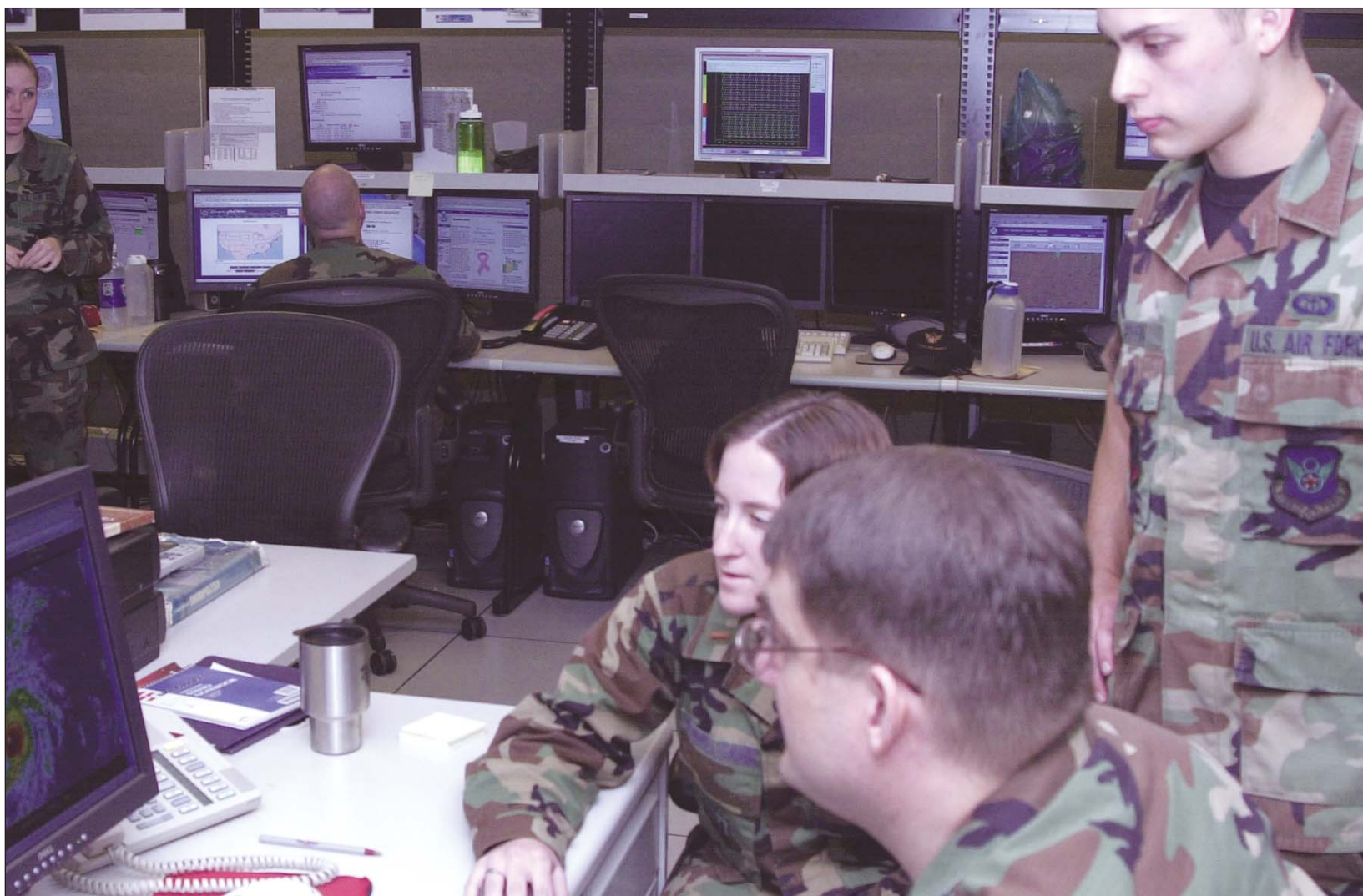
While you can call the IG's office at 456-5049 to schedule a meeting, email them or call the Fraud Waste and Abuse hotline at 456-1000 about an anonymous matter, the IG office is able to obtain more information during a live interview.

"We prefer to have people come to meet us in person because we can talk to them on a face-to-face basis," the colonel said. "There is also a way for people contact us anonymously, but a problem with that is that there is always that one more question that I need to ask, and there's nobody to ask, and sometimes there is no way to get at the bottom of their complaint. Because I'm not living their issue, there is no way I can work with that issue unless I know all of the details. Individuals that come to see and talk to a Inspector General are protected from any type of reprisal by the law."

Eyes, ears, conscience of the commander.

Another role of the IG that usually affects conflict resolution on base is being a general monitor and advisor for the commander.

"If we start seeing trends, for instance, in a group or squadron where we begin to see a standard of complaint and all complaints from this group all seem to be the same sort of problems and issues. If we see some bearing to that, we would probably tell the commander that we need to go out and find out what the issue is so we can help. We're an honest broker. We pretty much have free reign to do what we need to do and the commander gives us that freedom. And because of that, we're out there to make sure things are done right."



Eye on the storm:

Back to Front: 2d Lt. Jenni Hemmelgarn, Senior Airman Jason Griffin and Master Sgt. Dan Johnson watch the path of Hurricane Ivan Tuesday at the 2d Operations Weather Squadron.



Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Nightly bar bingo

Each night at the enlisted club play bar bingo for a chance to win \$500 cash at 6 pm. An additional game will be played and a cash consolation prize will be awarded nightly.

During the month of September, players may buy two cards and get a third card free. Stop by the enlisted club for a chance to win big.

Monday Super Bingo

Starting Oct. 11, the enlisted club hosts Super Bingo Mondays at 7 p.m. in the ballroom. Multiple games and thousands of dollars in cash will be available to win weekly. The program is open to all ranks.

Bingo jackpot

The bingo jackpot for Thursday was \$700. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for non-members and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

Monday Two-for-One Lunch

Members can enjoy the MEGA buffet with a friend Mondays at the officers club. Bring a guest and the second meal is free. Non-members pay \$6.95. The buffet includes soup, salad bar, drink and dessert.

Retired Member Fridays

The club salutes its retired membership every Friday night. Retirees buy dinner and get a second meal at half price.

Wednesday Steak for Two

Enjoy two steak dinners Wednesdays at the officers' club for only \$12.95. Dinner is open to all ranks and starts at 5:30 p.m. in the officers' club dining room.

Saturday prime rib

Enjoy prime rib for two each Saturday for only \$19.95. The meal includes choice of starch and vegetable of the day, au jus and horseradish sauce.

Program announcement

The Barksdale Air Force Base Family Child Care Program announces its sponsorship of the Family Day Care Home component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. All children will be offered the same meals at no separate charge and with no physical segregation of or other discrimination against any child because of race, sex, age, color, disability or national origin. Participants who are members of Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program assistance units or Food Stamp households are automatically eligible to receive free meal bene-

fits. This statement applies to all family day care homes under the jurisdiction of this agency.

If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

New Pick-up Service

To make the customers' lives simpler, equipment rental will now pick up broken four-wheel ATVs or mowers for repair. They will also deliver the repaired equipment upon completion. The fee is \$10 for deliveries under 15 miles and \$20 for deliveries 15-30 miles away; prices do not include repairs. Call 456-3426 to arrange an appointment.

ATV Tune-up

Get that ATV ready for hunting season with a tune-up at equipment rental. They change the spark plugs, check the rear end oil, clean the air filter and change the engine oil for only \$45. They can also repair non-running ATV's. Proper maintenance extends the life of the engine — protect your investment with a tune-up. Call 456-3426 for more information.

Weekend getaway

Gifts and Getaways offers a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., Saturday and Sunday. The trip features chartered bus transportation and lodging. Guests can visit the Hot Springs National Park, Woodland Gardens, the Hot Springs Trade Days or one of the many spas. Cost is \$99 per guest. Call 456-1866 to sign up.

Antique shopping trip

Enjoy browsing through dozens of antique shops in historic Jefferson, Texas, Sept. 25. Guests can visit the Jefferson General Store and see the old-fashioned soda fountain or tour some of the bed and breakfast facilities. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation. Call 456-1866 for registration.

Aero Club open house

The aero club hosts an open house and membership drive Oct. 15. This event provides an opportunity for individuals wanting to learn to fly. During the month of October, the Aero Club waives the \$30 initiation fee.

The club will select three winners to enjoy a free hour of flight. Certified flight instructors will be available to discuss the program. Free hot dogs and soft drinks are also available. Call 456-8179 for more information.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Kimberly Eckroth and Katrina Cooper

Hometown: Oceanside, Calif.

Unit: 26th Operational Weather Squadron

Job title: Regional weather forecaster

Job description: Meteorologist

Most rewarding job aspect: Working with nice people that help and mentor me

Goals: Progress to regional supervisor and someday own a coffee shop

Hobbies: Refinishing furniture, painting, playing guitar and volunteering in the community

What motivates my winning attitude: Working with a great group of people

Favorite TV show: The Simpsons

Favorite performer: John Mayer

Favorite book: C.S. Lewis' "Til We Have Faces"

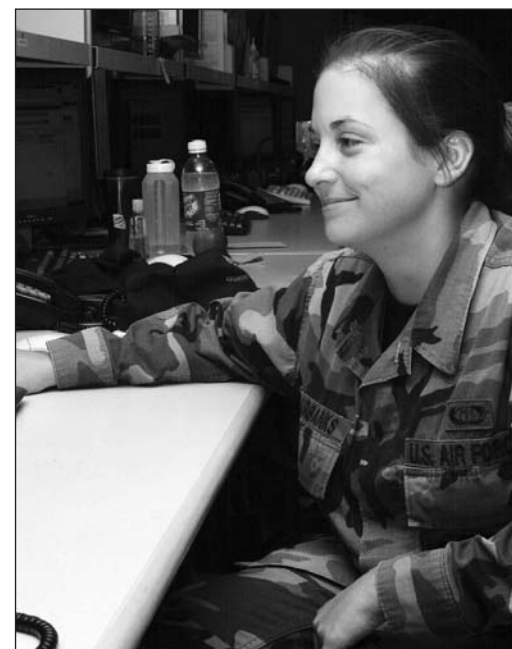
Favorite movie: Band of Brothers

Favorite Sports Team: 26 OWS bowling team

I'm proudest of: My independence

Favorite meal: Filet mignon with a baked potato

Pet peeve: People who are oblivious



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class

Laura Fairbanks

My best asset is: Optimism

Person I admire most: My sister, who has worked so hard under enormous pressure to achieve her goals

What I like about Barksdale most: The trees

Most influential person in the Air Force to you and why: Master Sgt. Greg Davis, because he taught me a lot about getting the job done and being cool

26th Operational Weather Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Robert Fleishauer
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Cliff Weller

2d Air Operations Group commander:
Col. Jeffry Smith
For up-to-date weather check out
<https://26ows.barksdale.af.mil>

Football Frenzy

Minnesota vs. Philadelphia



Monday Night!



Enlisted Club 456-4467

**Win big screen
t.v., an x-box,
Superbowl trip,
Pro Bowl trip to
Hawaii**

**Door
prizes
galore!**

**FREE first
drink with
buffet**



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



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"The Village"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 120 minutes

Cast: Judy Greer, Bryce Dallas Howard

Synopsis: The village seems perfect, but this community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures reside in the surrounding woods. The evil and foreboding force is so unnerving that none dare venture beyond the village borders. But when curious, headstrong Lucius Hunt steps beyond the boundaries of the town and into the unknown, his bold move threatens to change the future of the village.



Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East

Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Catholic parish picnic

The Catholic parish picnic is scheduled Sept. 26 at Cullen Park at 10 a.m.

Protestant women of the chapel

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Two annex.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

Saturday

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs

Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

Sunday

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish

Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

Monday

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork

Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

Tuesday

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon

Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

Wednesday

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef

Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

Thursday

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken

Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnitzel

Sept. 24

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

Financial planning and investment seminar

A financial planning and investment seminar is scheduled Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. This semi-annual, four-week seminar teaches investment principles and provides information to assist in making the right choices when planning for retirement. Professionals associated with the Louisiana State University School of Business, along with the Louisiana Consortium of Insurance and Investing facilitate this seminar.

Virtual assistant training program

The virtual assistant training program is scheduled Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Virtual Assistants are self-employed individuals who provide off-site business support services to their clients. Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail, diskette transfer and real-time online messaging. Candidates for the program should have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of basic software, a computer with a Windows 95 or newer operating system and a strong desire for employment or employment change. Participation is limited to 20 people. If an individual is a spouse of an active duty military member and would like to participate in this free training program, please complete and submit the online application form no later than Oct. 1, at www.msvas.com/application_barksdale.htm or call Stephanie or Sandy at 456-8400 for more information.

Bundles for babies

A bundles for babies meeting is scheduled Sept. 22 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This workshop features topics on how to prepare financially for the baby, car seat safety and baby's "First Three Years." Both father and mother are encouraged to attend and all ranks are welcome. All expectant moms will receive a free "bundle" worth \$50. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Call 456-8400 for more information or to reserve a seat.

TAP

The next transition assistance program seminar is scheduled Sept. 21-23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If a transition from military service to civilian life is in the future, make plans to attend this three-day workshop conducted by the Department of Labor. Designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions, they will learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search and much more. Based on comments made by attendees, most have said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information.

Personal and family readiness briefing

Personal and family readiness briefings are scheduled Thursday and Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support during this time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others. Call 456-8400 for more information.



2d OG members run for Sept. 11

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Physical Training had a different meaning to members of the 2d Operations Support Squadron, 11th, 20th and 96th Bomb Squadrons Sept. 10 when they formed up in front of the 2d Bomb Wing headquarters building for a 9-11 memorial run.

“The 2d OSS started this run the year after 9-11 and it was just them,” said Tony Arnold, 2d OSS and coordinator of the event. “Now, it’s all four squadrons in the group.”

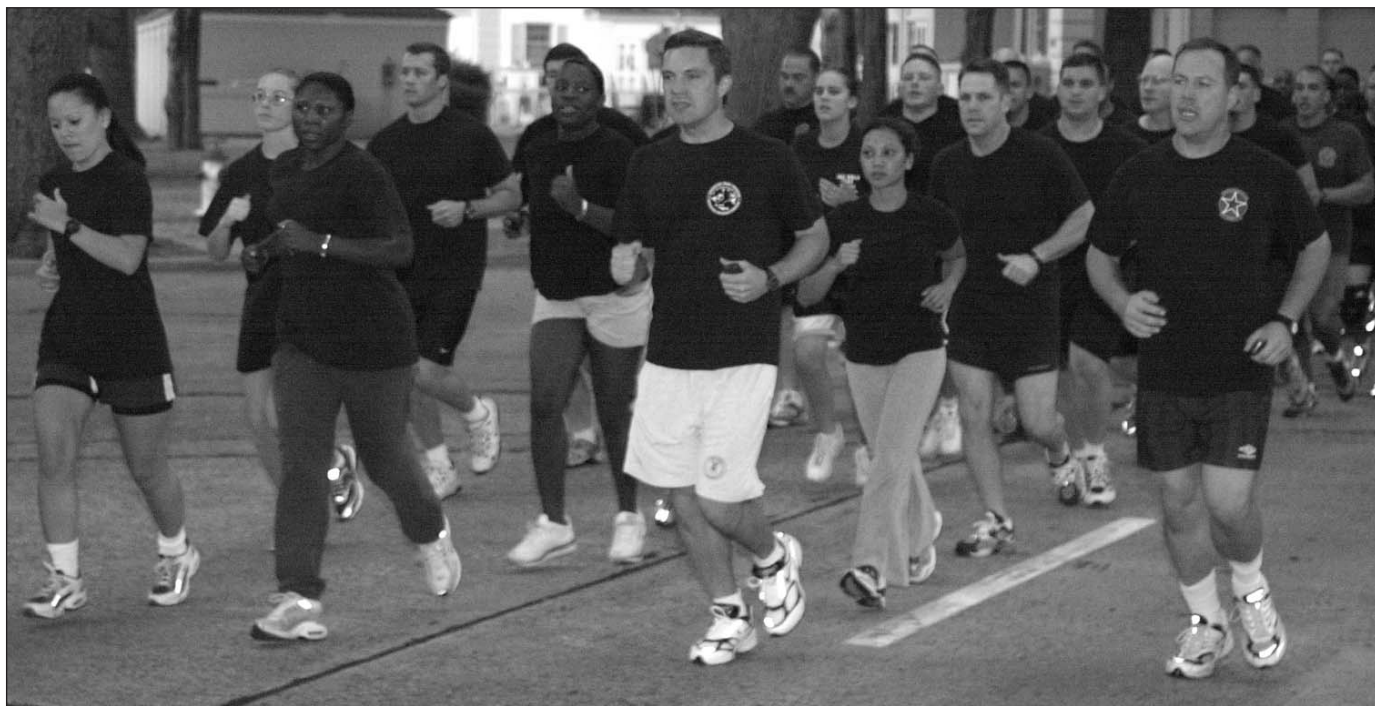
Chaplain (Capt.) William Thornton gave the invocation before joining the runners on their jaunt through base housing.

“In spite of the tragedy that happened that day, our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends who lost people that day along with the military members who have lost their lives overseas,” the chaplain said.

Lt. Col. Steve Kram, acting commander of the 2d OSS, talked about some of the reasoning behind why they started the run and continue to participate in it.

“This is something the folks here can do to remember the people that are out fighting and why they’re fighting,” he said. “We’re going to keep doing this until we no longer need to.”

With only about 150 to 200 runners participating in this



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Members of the 2d Operations Support Squadron run in formation during the last leg of their Sept. 11 memorial run Sept. 10. Members from the 11th, 20th and 96th Bomb Squadrons joined the 2d OSS in their run.

year’s run, numbers were not as high as past years.

“With two squadrons deployed, there were just smaller groups this year,” Kram added.

Jennifer Shelton, 20th BS, participated in the event for the second time and ran with pride throughout the 20-minute run.

“It means a lot that we can get together and do something in memory of that tragedy,” Shelton said.

Chaplain Thornton explained there are many reasons for military members to remember the events and repercussions of that day.

“There are those who want to deny us of our life and liberty and that’s when we’re called upon to defend it,” the chaplain said. “We must learn from our past or it will happen again.”

Sports shorts

Wednesday men’s bowling league

The Wednesday night men’s league begins Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the bowling center. Those interested in bowling can sign up at the bowling center or simply show up on Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Call 456-4133 for more information.

Bowling Survivor league

“Reality bowling” starts Sept. 20 and runs every Monday at 6 p.m. with the bowling center’s Survivor league. Individuals will use a nine pin no-tap format and all scores will be based on pin fall in the 12 week competition. After the 4th week, the total number of bowlers will determine how many bowlers will be “voted off” each week. During the last week, 6 bowlers will play to be the Ultimate Survivor. A portion of each bowler’s weekly fees goes into the prize fund. The last survivor will win the total prize fund with the first and second runners up receiving prizes as well. Fees and details can be found at the Bowling Center. Call 456-4133 for more information

Bowling special

The bowling center has a new Sunday special that includes unlimited bowling for three hours and a choice of the following meals: burgers, chicken strips, hot dogs, corndogs or grilled cheese with fries and a soda. The cost for two guests is \$29.29, the cost for four guests is \$39.95

and the cost for six guests is \$49.95. Additionally, if bowlers throw a strike when they have a red pin they win a free game of bowling.

Best Ball Golf Championship

The Best Ball Golf Championship is Saturday and Sunday at Fox Run Golf Course. The tournament is played in two-person flights. Each player plays his own ball and records a score for each hole. Both low gross and low net scores will be paid. Prize money is determined by the number of participants. The cost is \$10 plus normal fees. Today is the last day to register. Call 456-2263 to sign up.

October fitness events

Several team and individual fitness events are scheduled for October at the fitness center. The Gatorade five-mile walk or run is on Oct. 15 at the east side hiking trails. The month will culminate with the unit sit-up challenge, a team event, held on Oct. 25. Call the fitness center at 456-4135 for rules and details about team composition.

Squadron push-up challenge

The squadron push-up challenge is Sept. 29 at the Barksdale Sports and Fitness Center. The five member teams must consist of at least one female athlete. Call 456-4135 or stop by the sports and fitness center to sign up.

Intramural football shorts

2d CS 27 — 8th AF 0

Game two saw the second shut-out of the night when the 2d Communication Squadron blanked 8th Air Force 27-0.

Four different 2d CS players found paydirt while quarterback Chris Wright threw three touchdown passes and ran for one more.

2d MUNS 18 — AWC/SVS 12

Both teams were able to get on the board in game three

Paintball

Enjoy paintball Oct. 23, Nov. 13 or Dec. 4. Sessions are held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and last approximately three hours. The cost is \$12 to include gun rental, mask, CO2 refills and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for purchase at \$4 per 100 and \$15 per 500. Sign up is due by Oct. 8, Oct. 29, and Nov. 26 respectively. Guests should wear long sleeves for warmth and protection. Call 456-7765 for more information or to sign up

8th Air Force sports day

The 8th Air Force will hold its annual Sports Day on Sept. 24. Events include a picnic and numerous sports competitions culminating with an awards ceremony at 3 p.m. All 8th AF members, military and civilian, and their dependents are encouraged to participate. Call Capt. Josh Lewis at 456-1269 for more information.

Varsity Football Schedule

The following is Team Barksdale’s Varsity Football Schedule for this upcoming season: Sept. 16, 8:00 pm Field 2; Sept. 21, 7:00 pm Field 3; Sept. 23, 9:00 pm Field 4; Sept. 28, 8:00 pm Field 1. All games will be played at the Tinsley Sport Complex. Last year Barksdale won the league championship and plans on repeating as champions. The Varsity cheerleader squad will also be at the games.

when the 2d Munitions Squadron defeated the Air Warfare Center/2d Services team 18-12.

2d MUNS quarterback Thomas Harris threw three touchdown passes. Wide receiver Rickey Thompson caught touchdown passes of 45 and 8 yards

20th BS by forfeit — 2d SFS

The last game of the night did not see any long passes or goal line stands as the 20th Bomb Squadron won by forfeit over the 2d Security Forces Squadron.

Editor’s note: The following is a brief recap of the flag football games played Tuesday. Games are played at the Sports and Fitness center Monday through Thursday with schedules subject to change. Call 456-4135 for more information.

2d MDG 20 — 11th BS 0

The 2d Medical Group did not allow the 11th Bomb Squadron past midfield in their opening game shut-out.

The 2d MDG quarterback Steve Martin threw three touchdown passes and one interception in the win.